

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for examining the Application, and for indicating that claims 10, 14, 26, 30, 35, and 36 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claims 1, 17, 33, and 34 as explained further below, and has canceled claims 10 and 26. Support for the amendment of claims 1, 17, 33, and 34 may be found throughout the specification, and the amendment of claims 1 and X does not constitute the addition of new matter. With the amendments, claims 1-9, 11-25, and 27-36 are pending.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-9, 11-13, 15-25, 27-29, and 31-34 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,606,663 to Liao et al.

Applicant's amended independent claim 1 includes the limitations formerly present in Applicant's former dependent claim 10, now canceled. As the Examiner has previously indicated that the subject matter of Applicant's former dependent claim 10 is not disclosed by Liao et al., Applicant's amended independent claim 1 is thus also not disclosed by Liao et al. Therefore, Applicant's amended independent claim 10 is allowable.

Applicant's amended independent claims 17, 33, and 34 all contain the same limitations as described above with respect to Applicant's allowable amended independent claim 1. Therefore, for at least the reasons given above, Applicant's amended independent claims 17, 33, and 34 are each allowable over Liao et al.

Applicant's amended dependent claims 2-5, 8-9, 11-14, 18-21, 24-25, 27-28, 30, and 35-36, as well as Applicant's dependent claims 6-7, 15-16, 22-23, 29, and 31-32 depend from Applicant's allowable amended independent claims 1 and 17, respectively. Therefore, for at least the reasons given above, Applicant's amended dependent claims

2-5, 8-9, 11-14, 18-21, 24-25, 27-28, 30, and 35-36, as well as Applicant's dependent claims 6-7, 15-16, 22-23, 29, and 31-32 are themselves all allowable over Liao et al.

CONCLUSION


Applicant believes this Amendment and Response to be fully responsive to the present Office Action. Thus, based on the foregoing Remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests allowance of the application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is any fee occasioned by this response that is not paid, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

Should the enclosed papers or fees be considered incomplete, Applicant respectfully requests that the Patent Office contact the undersigned collect at the telephone number provided below.

Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's undersigned Attorney if any issues are deemed to remain prior to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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